

# **CALIFORNIA CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION**

## **JUNE 2001 COMMISSION MEETING**

### **SACRAMENTO, CA**

**June 21, 2001**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Approval of May Minutes**

Minutes from the May 17, 2001 Commission meeting were approved. These minutes have been posted on the State Commission's website ([www.ccfc.ca.gov](http://www.ccfc.ca.gov)).

#### **May Revision of the FY 2001-2002 State Budget**

The Commission voted unanimously to not approve the redirection of Proposition 10 funds as currently proposed in both the Assembly and Senate versions of the State Budget.

#### **Matching Funds for Retention Incentives for Early Care and Education Providers, Pilot Project**

- The State Commission approved \$18 million total in State Matching funds plus \$1.8 million total for evaluation for FY 2001-02 and FY 2002-03 to complete the three-year project. Forty-five counties submitted an Intent to Apply form to participate in this final two-year funding round.
- The Project is designed to:
  - Address retention of family child care providers and center based teaching staff and directors by providing incentives for staff to stay in the field and improve their education.

- Improve quality and stabilize the early care and education workforce by rewarding professionals who have demonstrated a commitment to the field through levels of education, continued professional development, and years of experience.
  - Contain various retention incentives designed to retain those in the child care field and stem the tide of turnover such as:
    - Compensation
    - Stipends
    - Health Insurance and Other Benefits
    - Respite/substitute time
    - One-time bonuses
  - Include coordination with the California Department of Education (CDE) and AB212 Guidelines and promote collaboration between County Commissions and Local Child Care Planning Councils to implement retention strategies.
  - Produce an evaluation report that summarizes the effects of various retention strategies in stabilizing a qualified workforce. This information would help inform State Commission policy direction and funding decisions for future workforce initiatives.
- The timeline for several major activities follows:
 

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| ○ Release of Request for Funds                    | June 28, 2001     |
| ○ Training Session for Applicants                 | July 16, 2001     |
| ○ Information Telephone Conference for Applicants | July 20, 2001     |
| ○ Application Deadline                            | September 5, 2001 |
| ○ Award Date for Second Round                     | October 15, 2001  |
| ○ Pilot Project Ends                              | June 30, 2003     |
  - For more information, please contact Erik Miyao at emiyao@ccfc.ca.gov.

### **Legislative items**

The Commission approved a position of “support” on AB 1105 (Simitian and Shelley), which would provide funding for child care assistance for foster care providers.

### **Kit for New Parents Evaluation Proposal**

A proposal for evaluation of the Kit for New Parents was presented to the State Commission for their review. The evaluation plan calls for a process evaluation that will test the process in which the Kits are distributed and received and by whom.

Additionally, it calls for an impact evaluation that will test the overall impact the Kit has on new and expecting parents and how that, in turn, impacts the lives of children.

### **School Readiness Centers/Programs**

CCFC staff with representatives from County Commissions, the Advisory Committee on Diversity, and Foundation partners worked together intensively over the past few weeks to develop policy recommendations and documents to launch Tier 1 School Readiness Centers/Programs (demonstration sites) within the next few months. The CCFC School Readiness Planning Group divided the planning work between four SubGroups (fiscal, criteria/eligibility, evaluation, and technical assistance), and members met on June 19 to share and discuss their recommendations and to craft a cohesive plan for implementation. The policy recommendations and the revised timeline for up to three ‘tiers’ of funding were presented for review and discussion at the June 21 meeting. The PowerPoint presentation summarizing progress to date is available at the CCFC web site under School Readiness ([www.ccfc.ca.gov](http://www.ccfc.ca.gov)).

### **Master Plan for Education, School Readiness Component**

The Master Plan School Readiness meeting on May 25 was attended by 54 of 67 members. Major discussion at the meeting centered around the five key recommendations identified in the draft Table of Contents and the process for making recommendations in 15 topic areas that address the five key recommendations. Lynn Kagan did a comparison of early care and education in several other states, and Jane Henderson provided comparison data from several other countries. The next meeting will be held on August 2 and 3 at the Sacramento Hilton.